

REMARKS

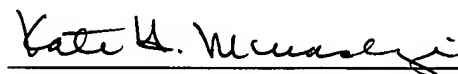
The claims have been amended to clarify that the Factor VIII included in the compositions is “native” Factor VIII. This term has been defined in earlier applications in this family to clarify that the Factor VIII is not in its “activated” form, which results when the native Factor VIII is treated with an activating enzyme, such as thrombin. In addition, the limitation in claim 4 has been imported into claim 1 in substitution for the limitation for inclusion of histidine in the composition. Claim 6 has been written in a form dependent on claim 1. Other modifications to the language conform the claims to those pending in parent applications. No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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